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SALINAS SCHOOL ELECTION LOSES BY 65 BALLOTS

By the slim margin of only 65 votes, the \$2,500,000 school bond issue in Salinas—a proposition which would have created new schools and necessary improvements to the Salinas Union High School system—missed adoption at last week's special election.

Union officials who worked closely with the bond committee report that the lack of registered voters among the union people was serious. Time and again the bond committee took persons to polling places only to be informed that the person was not registered, either from failure to vote in the last election or from having changed residence.

Total vote on the bond issue was about 27 percent of the registration. A two-thirds majority of votes cast was necessary for adoption of the bonds and the school building program.

Proponents of the school program are planning to place the matter on the ballot again as soon as possible and to conduct a campaign calling for registration of all eligible voters in the entire school district, it was reported.

BUILDING BOOM HITS MONTEREY; BIG JOBS DUE

A minor building boom was reported by union officials in the Monterey area last week as a number of major construction jobs are started or are about to get underway.

Included in the list of major projects are the following:

- Rebuilding of Del Rey Theatre in Seaside—the theatre was destroyed by fire some time ago.
- Construction of a 24-unit apartment house by Contractor F. V. Hampshire.
- Construction of a \$100,000 motor court.
- Building of a new furniture store in the Seaside district.
- Construction of a new school for Seaside at a cost of \$160,000.
- Construction of many small-type residences throughout the area.

Officials said the building program is keeping most of the building craftsmen busy and that, if weather holds out, the employment picture is unusually good.

Other projects are planned but are not yet in the construction stage, it is reported.

More Members Added to By-Law Group Meeting

The by-laws committee of the Central Labor Union at Salinas was augmented last week with two new members, Robert Shinn, of Butchers 506, and Wm. G. Kenyon, of Teamsters 890.

At a special meeting of this committee last week, revision of the council's by-laws and constitution was started and was about half completed, Secretary John Deer reports.

Members of the committee are: Deer, E. L. Courtwright, of Butchers 506; Randolph Fenchel, of Laborers 272; A. B. Woodward, of Machinists 1721, and Walter Lester, of Retail Clerks 957.

Reports will be made by the committee to the labor council from time to time, Deer said, and advice of delegates in regard possible changes in the code will be sought.

Salinas Invites Culinary Officials

Secretaries of Culinary alliances and bartender unions of Monterey, Santa Cruz, Salinas, Watsonville, San Jose and San Mateo have been invited to hold their next meeting in Salinas, possibly during the last week of this month.

Bertha A. Boles, secretary of Culinary 467 of Salinas, extended the invitation in behalf of her union at the meeting of the officials last week in San Jose. Meetings are being held each few weeks to consider mutual problems and contract matters, she said.

Rial Back on Job

R. S. ("Dick") Rial, business agent of the Monterey County Building and Construction Trades Council who underwent an abdominal operation recently, was back on the job last week. He will be able to work but must "take it easy" for some time, it was reported.

Salinas CLU Told Of Food for Strikers

Carl Lara, president, and John Deer, secretary, both officials of the Central Labor Union of Monterey County, and Walter Lester, business agent of Retail Clerks Union 957, informed the Salinas central body last week of the great amount of food and supplies taken to Bakersfield last week in the first "food caravan" for the Di Giorgio strikers.

Deer reports that the trio was "greatly impressed" by the showing and that the supplies transported from the Salinas council were most welcome and well received by the strike committee.

WORK SHOWS STEADY GAIN AT SALINAS

Employment in the construction field is high and jobs are available for most building craftsmen in the Salinas area, according to J. B. McGinley, Salinas representative for the Monterey County Building Trades Council.

McGinley said that another new major project is due to start at once with the Firestone Stores and Service Station at San Luis and Monterey streets in Salinas completely remodeling this plant.

Details of the Firestone remodeling plans have not been announced but local workers will be used where possible, McGinley said he has been informed.

Contractor Frank Anderson of Los Angeles was scheduled to start construction of the new Thrifty Drug Store in the new South Main Street business development on Monday.

Construction of the Sanborn Road extension overpass across the Southern Pacific tracks, with Dan Caputo of San Jose as contractor, is progressing well. Here the work of pouring the reinforced concrete pilings is near completion and other construction work is due to start.

'Worst' Sardine Canning Season At Monterey Ends

Monterey's famed "Cannery Row" has passed through the poorest sardine canning season in its history! Close of the season was last Sunday but the sardines apparently never knew that the season was underway.

Catch of sardines in local waters was almost negligible as compared with past years, with government and other experts at a loss as to why the fish weren't available. Efforts to truck sardines to Monterey from southern ports were attempted but did not prove too successful.

The plants are expected to continue packing squid, mackerel, anchovies, and the "summer" pack or "fancy pack" sardines, if the catch is made. Detailed plans, however, have not been announced.

Ted Harrison, Bartender, Dies

Death came suddenly last week to Ted Harrison, member of the executive board of Culinary-Bartenders Union 483 of Monterey.

Brother Harrison passed away following a brief illness. He had been a union bartender for many years and was well known by members of local 483.

Culinary 467 Votes Donation to Strikers

Donation of 25 cents per member, payable on a voluntary basis by the individual members at the union offices, was voted by Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas last week, Secretary Bertha A. Boles reports.

At the union's membership meeting last week two new members were accepted by initiation. Attendance was reported as excellent.

Hollister Towne Club Signs With Union

Bartenders Union 545 of Salinas reported last week that the Towne Club, 541 San Benito St., Hollister, is now under contract with the union.

Secretary Al Clark of Local 545 said the operator of the club is Mitchell Dabo, who signed the union agreement.

Now that J. Parnell Thomas is on the road to recovery, some of his critics are observing that apparently even he couldn't stomach himself.

Sen. Thomas Asks For Improvements In Wage-Hour Law

Washington. — Senator Elbert Thomas (D., Utah), sponsor of the wage-hour act in 1938, introduced a bill which would make sweeping improvements in the law.

"We have hesitated and we have allowed the minimum wage to be slashed by inflation," Thomas told the Senate. "To maintain the wage-hour law we must again make it meaningful. In the amendments I am introducing, I have sought to take the next steps in the continuous process by which we will approach not merely bare minimum standards but fair standards."

The bill raises the minimum hourly wage from .40 to .75 and would permit a raise to \$1 hourly through management-labor-public conference procedure in industries where it is feasible.

It would extend coverage of both minimum wage and overtime provisions to all workers in any activity affecting interstate or foreign commerce, a broadening which unions have asked for. Seamen, fish and fruit packing workers and telephone operators in small exchanges would be covered by both sections.

In agriculture, workers on large industrialized farms would have the protection of the wage provisions, and truck and bus line employees would be guaranteed time and a half for overtime under the amendments unless the Interstate Commerce Commission sets up its own standards. The bill would also prohibit employment of children in industrialized agriculture and industry, and would exclude the cost of food and lodging in computing payment of seamen and dining car employees.

House Votes to Raise On-Job Trainees Pay

Washington. — President Truman's hopes of restraining Congress from increasing veterans' benefits on the ground that higher payments would add to the inflationary spiral were dashed by a near-unanimous House.

It voted 372 to 6 for a Senate bill which would raise monthly benefits for ex-GI students \$10 a month for single veterans, \$15 for those with one dependent and \$30 for those with two or more dependents. The bill would cost the U. S. about \$217 million a year. It goes to Truman for signature or veto.

The House also voted through a bill to raise the monthly ceilings on wage plus GI benefits permitted on-the-job trainees. Going to conference for ironing out of minor details, the measure would cost some \$85 million.

Truman told Congress in January he did not favor increased payments to veterans, but met with unanimous opposition of veterans' groups and, it now appears, Congress. Labor and veteran organizations had asked for far greater increases than the bills give, however.

Butcher Heads Attend Western Meet in Portland

Officials of Butchers Union No. 506 of San Jose were in Portland, Oregon, last weekend attending the Eleven Western States Conference of Butchers.

Attending the meeting were Executive Secretary Earl A. Moorhead, Business Representative Fred Feci of San Jose, and Business Representative E. L. Courtwright of Salinas.

Moorhead, vice president of the Western Federation of Butchers of California, attended a one-day meeting of the California-Oregon-Washington delegation prior to the 11-state meeting.

Pressmen's Head Fined For Income Tax Evasion

Nashville, Tenn. — President George L. Berry of the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants' Union (AFL) was fined \$10,000 in federal court here after his conviction for income tax evasion. Berry also received a suspended sentence of a year and a day in prison.

Berry entered a no defense plea to the government's charge that he evaded \$2,587.25 in federal income taxes for 1939. He paid \$185.81 for that year.

Gen. Eisenhower's withdrawal from the Presidential race adds a pacific note to the campaign, except in the Pacific, where it leaves Gen. MacArthur—high, cold and speechless.

GROUND NATIONAL AIRLINES



These members of the International Association of Machinists picket National Airlines offices in Miami, Fla., after the company refused to negotiate a contract. The line's 145 pilots, members of the Air Lines Pilots Association (AFL) also walked out, charging the planes were not being maintained with proper regard to safety.

Tenney Committee Hit for Applying Red Smear to Di Giorgio Strike

By HAP HAGGARD
By injecting a bogus "Red scare" into the Di Giorgio strike and calling in the Tenney Committee for one of its made-to-measure probes, the Associated Farmers have followed a standard pattern.

You may be sure that California's vest-pocket Rankin will conduct a standard "hearing," and then dutifully announce the strike is being directed from Moscow.

Because in Senator Tenney's book, anyone who disagrees with community custom is a Communist, no matter how anti-Communist he might in fact be—and it's an old Kern County custom to keep the ranch-hands underfoot.

Keeping them in their place didn't contemplate their joining a

FAMILY OF FOUR NEEDS \$75 WEEKLY SAYS HELLER GROUP

Berkeley, Calif.—A typical worker's family in these high cost of living days needs at least \$75 a week just to get along, according to the annual family budget released here by the Heller Committee.

Millions of American workers do not even come up to the modest standards set by the University of California committee, since latest U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics figures report the average manufacturing wage at \$51 a week.

Based on the needs of a typical American family of four, a man, wife, boy of 13 and girl of 8, living in San Francisco, the budget is the sum of those goods and services considered "necessary to healthful and reasonably comfortable living."

Modesty of the budget is shown by a breakdown of the food, clothing and housing expenses of the family. The \$23.27 food allotment for a week includes one-half pound of butter, one pound of oleomargarine, one-quarter pound of bacon and a total expenditure of \$5.27 for meat and fish. The man and school children take their lunch from home and guests are infrequent, since only \$39.90 a year is budgeted for feeding them.

French Railmen Refuse To Run Trains to Spain

Paris. — French railwaymen, abiding by world labor's stand against cooperation with the Franco regime in Spain, have announced they will not run trains across the French-Spanish frontier. The frontier was reopened February 1 after a two-year French boycott of trade with the Spanish dictatorship.

Reopening of the border brought a sharp protest from the French General Confederation of Labor, which has been cooperating in the World Federation of Trade Unions' campaign to boycott the Franco government. Longshoremen in a number of countries maintain a ban against loading cargoes destined for Spain.

New 16mm Film Distributor Has Labor Shows

One of the most carefully selected and extensive 16mm film libraries in the United States was made available to the public this month, when Contemporary Films, Inc. declared itself open for business at 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City. With several national organizations already on its list of clients, this new company plans to extend varied services to many groups which have never been able to afford the use of movies to enliven their meetings and social functions.

Contemporary Films will be the first company to solve the technical problems faced by many would-be clients, by renting projectors as well as films, and by offering complete training in projection techniques. Fees will be extremely reasonable: sound projectors, for example, are to be loaned at only \$5 per showing. In addition, the firm's well-trained staff stands ready to assist in arranging programs that are both entertaining and instructive.

Contemporary's collection covers a wide range of subjects: postwar rehabilitation, the United Nations, health and education, labor relations, sports, cartoons, musicals, international relations, Jewish features, Charlie Chaplin classics, and an outstanding collection of full-length features, both American and foreign. The company has also obtained exclusive 16mm distribution rights to many forthcoming European films.

Heading the new enterprise are Al Aptekar and Charles Cooper, both of whom have had broad experience in the film industry. They are earnestly dedicated to the idea that films can entertain while they do the big jobs of improving race relations, promoting world peace, treating labor honestly, and generally furthering American education.

They Should Consult Housewives Before They Get More Bright Ideas

Washington. — Despite its recent defeat in trying to ballyhoo the public into eating less meat, poultry and eggs, the administration lined up to try again—this time with a "voluntary rationing" program for consumers.

Agriculture Secretary Clinton Anderson discussed the program with spokesmen for nearly two dozen consumers, producer and distributor groups. Indications were that the heart of the new plan would be to "convince" shoppers to do without scarce items, such as meat, and to buy substitute foods at lower prices.

Research Director Emerson Schmidt of the U. S. Chamber of Commerce told the Senate banking committee the day before that "restraint in our buying and selling" is the key to the high price problem today.

As Anderson conferred and Schmidt spoke, the Bureau of Labor Statistics released its latest nationwide survey of retail food prices. It showed a rise in city food costs of 2 per cent in the month between November 15 and December 15, 1947. That put market-basket items 107 per cent above the prewar average, and 42 per cent higher than they were in June 1946, the last full month of price control.

Senate 'Rent Control' Bill Ineffective

The so-called rent control bill for 1948 which the Senate subcommittee on rent cooked up and unanimously passed falls far short of what labor has been demanding as a protection for the millions of tenants of this country.

It would carry rent ceilings only through April 1949 instead of into 1950, as Housing Expediter T. G. E. Woods and labor spokesmen have asked. It would allow the "voluntary" blackjacking of tenants into leases at higher rentals to continue, with the units decontrolled at the end of the lease. It would decontrol several types of accommodations now under rent ceilings.

In no way would it add to tenant protection. It would only weaken what they have now.

What emerges from the House banking committee bearing the name of a rent bill can only be worse than the Senate product, unless congressmen feel tremendous tenant pressure from home right away.

If congress does not hear from the people, the 1948 rent law may be a sort of tenants' Taft-Hartley act—a deal whereby a government agency goes into business helping landlords enforce higher rents against tenants.

NLRB Has Bad Time Deciding What is Free Speech for Boss

By JACK ABBOTT

The fact that an employer told his employees that he disliked the union, and at the same time promised them increased benefits if they voted against it in an election, is considered two separate items by the NLRB in a recent decision involving the Bailey Company and Local 1534, Retail Clerks International Association (AFL).

Dealing with the speeches and the leaflets (in which the employer said he disliked the union) as separate items, the Board held them to be permissible conduct under the free speech rule. On the other hand, the promises of benefits were held violations of the law.

Throwing out the old rule that an employer's whole course of conduct must be considered when charges are brought against him, the Board in effect interprets the Taft-Hartley law to mean that as long as the violations come under free speech they are legal.

An employer can now say anything he likes, but he can't bribe or threaten his employees. In other words the Board is now splitting the employer's conduct into several parts, ruling on each separately.

Maybe the board members have been seeing too many movies dealing with split personality.

Many a union organizer has walked away from an NLRB office with the feeling that the only type of case the Board will take is one where the employer called in the employee, fired him and then gave him a sworn affidavit stating: "You are being discharged because of your union activity."

Employers don't usually cooperate that well. But in the Chamberlain Company case involving Local 146, Hotel and Restaurant Employees (AFL), at Waterloo, Iowa, the employer came pretty close to doing just this. He told his employees that if the union came in he would shut down the plant and discharge them all.

Faced with the problem as to whether this was free speech, the NLRB decided that it was not, and, on the contrary, constituted a threat against the employees.

Okay, boys. You know what you have to look for now.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE
The fact that an employer refused to divulge the number of replacements hired during a strike, when the union which had walked out offers to return, is held to be legal.

This case is one involving the Oklahoma Rendering Company and the United Packinghouse Workers. The union argued that the em-

Canadian AFL Leader Barred from U. S.

Vancouver, B. C. — An organizer for the United Fishermen and Allied Workers here has become the fifth Canadian union leader to be barred recently from entering the U. S.

The organizer, Homer Stevens, was named a delegate from his union to the International Salmon Commission Advisory Board conference in Washington, D. C. Stevens was prevented from crossing the border after immigration authorities questioned him for several hours about his political beliefs. The union is an affiliate of the Trades and Labor Congress, parent body of AFL unions here.

While no direct reasons were given for refusing his application to enter the U. S., Stevens charges it was because he admitted holding leftist views.

Both Canadian and American members of the salmon advisory board have protested the barring of Stevens and are on record urging the commission "to hold its future meetings in Canada until such time as all duly appointed Canadian representatives to the advisory board are permitted to attend all commission meetings."

AFL Packers Win Nine-Cent Raise

Chicago (LPA) — First wage raise chalked up by current negotiations in the packing industry was granted last week to 15,000 workers represented by the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butchers Workmen—AFL. Armour and Swift offered nine cents an hour, retroactive to January 12, and the offer was accepted by the union. The 3000 AFL workers at the Morrell and Co. plant in Sioux Falls, Iowa, also won a nine-cent boost.

Secretary-Treasurer Patrick Gorman says the union will seek the same settlement with Wilson, Cudahy, and the small independents, 150,000 of whose workers are represented by the Meat Cutters.

ployer "refused to bargain" when he withheld this information, because the union was trying to secure the reinstatement of all the strikers and it was necessary for it to know how many jobs had been filled.

But the Board decided that since the union had asked for reinstatement of all the strikers, the company had a right to refuse the requested information.

Compare this case to those discussed in last week's column. We pointed out then that it is apparently the law that not only must an employer furnish wage information to the union but must even advise it when, to whom, and how much it gives in merit increases to individuals.

Which set of decisions is right? You pay your money and take your choice. We prefer last week's.

BURNED HIM UP

Fred Manning bought the Western Oil Tool Company at Mills, Wyoming. All 32 employees previously working at the plant were instructed to report. When three of them, active members of Oil Workers International Union, reported in for work, they were told by the foreman: "The old man is burned up over this union deal; I am instructed to tell you that you are not satisfactory."

The union filed a charge with the NLRB, and the Board ordered Manning to rehire the three union men and pay them back pay for the time they had lost.

Union Meeting On Marshall Plan in March

Miami, Fla.—Definite word that a conference of union representatives from 16 European nations will be held in Brussels in March to mobilize labor support for the Marshall plan was received here by the AFL executive council.

Matthew Woll, chairman of the AFL International Labor Relations Department, reported to the council that invitations to the conference were being issued jointly by the organized labor movements of Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

The British Trades Union Congress has indicated its support for the conference and the newly formed French Workers Strength, a split-away from the General Confederation of Labor, will be represented at Brussels, Woll said.

The BTUC recently announced that unless a meeting of the World Federation of Trade Unions, with which it is affiliated, was held by mid-February to discuss the Marshall plan, it would feel free to confer with labor representatives of the other nations covered by the plan.

The AFL expects the Brussels conference to serve as a springboard for formation of a rival to the WFTU, which Woll attacked in his report to the council as "the international labor fifth column of the Kremlin."

Woll told the council that AFL efforts to combat Soviet influence in Germany were being hindered by blunders in U. S. policy toward German unions. "In Germany our government continues to hamper the trade unions by not giving them sufficient recognition in the economic policies and processes of the nation," he said.

Mexican Miners Demand Pit Nationalization

Mexico City. — Miners here are renewing their demand that the Mexican government nationalize the mines as negotiations for new contracts, affecting 80,000 workers, have apparently reached a stalemate and a strike threat looms.

Mining of all types of minerals and metals is one of Mexico's major industries. Ninety percent of all Mexican mines are operated, through government franchise, by the American Smelting Co. of the U. S.

The Mine and Metal Workers Union here has prepared studies showing that the company made huge profits during the war but refuses to invest in new machinery and modern mining methods, causing hazards to workers' health and safety and steadily declining production. The decreased production is deliberate and artificial, creating shortages which cause prices to soar, the workers charge.

Average miners' pay is now 7.50 pesos (\$1.55) per day, or \$10.85 per week. The union wants a new minimum of \$211 per day or \$14.77 per week plus improved housing, health and safety conditions.

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High Prices Breaking

That sky-rocketing of prices has been greatly overplayed since price controls were killed by Congress has been plainly evident.

That the high-price edifice which has been in the making inevitably was heading for collapse has likewise been evident.

The old, worn-out chestnut that the high prices were made necessary by wage increases has been trotted out again and again, but what this failed to explain was the fabulous increases in net profits, which in many cases ran up to five or six times as great a net total as these profits formerly reached or total wage increases amounted to.

It all sums itself into the simple observation that the general public simply cannot be bled out of more money than it has. If wages are doubled but prices are trebled and quadrupled, those getting the increased wages cannot buy as much as they did before, while those who live on fixed incomes have so little buying power left during high price cycles that their total purchases must dwindle accordingly.

To take advantage of scarcity to boost prices into the clouds invariably produces what is popularly known as a "boom and bust" period. Profiteers have been playing up the boom, which now seems to be starting to break.

Getting Down to Business

With elections approaching and politics beginning to boil, all men and women of labor would do well to knuckle right down to business in connection with the political job we all have to help to do if it is to be done at all.

What is that job? First of all, it is to defeat those members of Congress who voted for the Taft-Hartley law, by electing in their places new members of Congress who are pledged to repeal that slave law.

There is only one way to secure the election of anybody and that is to get enough registered citizens to vote for such a candidate so that he will top the list of candidates when the votes are counted.

Too many working people permit themselves to get all hot and bothered about political matters that are of little concern to them, while the very matters on which their whole future welfare may depend are frequently overlooked and neglected.

Today the Taft-Hartley slave law hangs over the heads of all workers because too many were asleep when the 1946 Congressional election was held. Labor's indifference in 1946 made it possible for a Congress to get elected that would pass such a law. Don't make that mistake this year. Get busy now.

Plain Talk Needed

Some people seem to have an idea that when it comes to what is being done in foreign countries, the common ordinary man and woman should have no say. Nothing could be more nonsensical. For after all, it is our money the people at Washington are playing with. Every dollar sent to Europe or Asia we and our children will be called upon to repay later, with interest.

Not only should we have something to say about it but we should have a whole lot to say. When it comes to pouring many billions of dollars into foreign channels on the pretext that it is for relief, we should make plenty sure that it is really the purpose instead or something else.

Past performance is not at all reassuring. Over a billion dollars have gone to China only to provide graft and black market goods, while surpluses rotted and spoiled at the same time that the poor people of China continued to starve.

Half a billion has gone to Greece and Turkey, which has so far been used mostly to provide military supplies. The starving continue to go hungry unless death from malnutrition takes place and ends further need for food.

Before a whole lot more money is sent abroad let us have complete accounting of the billions that have already been given away, but which we will have to repay.

Why Coddle These Fascists?

Why is our government supporting the same people in Greece and Turkey, and those Arabs in Palestine, who helped Hitler during our last World War?

Why should we be at all friendly to Franco, who was put where he is by the military force of Germany and Italy?

Why should the United States support such a reactionary regime in China as that of Chiang Kai Shek? Why should we help to put the Nazi cartels of Germany back on their feet?

Some Americans in high places seem bent on doing all these things and more for the very people who only a few years back were doing everything in their power to help destroy our democracy.

With Local 890

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN
AND HELPERS' UNION

LOCAL 890
Monterey, County
Main and John Streets
Salinas, California

Your Union wishes to convey this message to all members wherever they may be working: That wherever a man or woman shows up on a job and is not carrying a book, please inform the Union immediately. In spite of the Taft-Hartley law, 95 percent of our agreements call for preference of employment. We have people who are out of work who are qualified to perform certain types of work coming within the jurisdiction of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters; and your Union will insist that they are placed to work first. Who knows, you may be next to be ever vigilant—it is your duty as a member of the Union to police the jobs you are working on and see that every one working has some proof they are members of the union, or a book.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS IN PRECINCT 4: On June 6 primary elections will be held for Monterey County; and anyone residing in Precinct 4 will vote at the Union office, as the County Clerk's office has requested of our Union for the use of one of our rooms and the Executive Board has granted this permission to the County Clerk's Office. The general elections will be held in the Union office also; and remember that you must be registered to vote 40 days prior to June 6 to be eligible to vote in the primary elections. You are bound, as a member of the Union to be a registered voter.

ATTENTION, MEMBERS WORKING AT PACIFIC OIL BURNER, MONTEREY: An agreement has been reached with this firm covering members of our Union. Wages have been increased 325 cents per hour for this group, as well as vacations with pay, seniority and the five-day work week. Holidays with pay when not worked and double time when worked.

TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED IN THE CANNING INDUSTRY: Stipulations have been agreed to for the Fairview and Hollister Canning Company, Hollister. Negotiations are taking place with Frank Raiter Canning Company, Salinas.

BE SURE TO REGISTER NOW TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BOTH IN THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.

PRODUCE DRIVERS: Our first meeting with the produce industry was held on Thursday, February 12; another meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, in Los Angeles. Watch this column for further information.

IT IS YOUR DUTY AS A CITIZEN TO REGISTER NOW AND VOTE BOTH IN THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS: Although the Taft-Hartley law practically compels people to work and to handle non-union goods in the secondary provisions of the Act, and although this law makes it possible for employers in their attempt to destroy unions force people to work against their will, and since our purpose is to improve the living standards, we must use our collective economic strength to obtain better working conditions.

CAB INDUSTRY: Notices are being distributed to various places of business who are friendly to organized labor. The following cab companies are 100 percent union and warrant the patronage of our people: YELLOW CAB and CHECKER CAB, phone 7337; CARL'S CAB and SALINAS CAB, phone 5567.

NO OTHER CAB COMPANIES ARE UNDER AGREEMENT with the Teamsters' Union. Although it is true that the paper which you receive contains advertisements of companies who are not organized, we are responsible for only the column which the Union writes, and we ask you to be guided by it.

ALL CAB COMPANIES THAT ARE NOT LISTED in this column are non-union and we ask that you do not patronize them. Remember that unless we patronize union services we will be affected and our agreements will suffer. If union people refuse to spend their money in channels that are not union and do not patronize firms that do not employ union members, our enemies will suffer a tremendous blow.

Remember to maintain your good standing with the union. Your union is conducting a great organizational drive and this requires all of the business agent's time. We do appreciate our members coming to the office to pay their dues; also sending them in my mail, as this leaves the business agent free to check on grievances and to continue organization so that we may strengthen our position in the area.

IF YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED TO VOTE, YOU CAN DO SO THE NEXT TIME YOU ARE IN THE OFFICE TO PAY YOUR DUES. DO IT NOW.

REMEMBER THE POLIO drive—contribute generously. We can never tell who will be next to suffer from this disease.

Patronize union services whenever you possibly can and maintain

your good standing with your union. Remember also that the benefits are paid to members who are in good standing only.

If unemployed, register for work at the union office.

VETERANS' NEWS
Examinations for probational appointments to positions of librarian, training specialist, employee relations officer and employee counselor in Veterans' Administration installations and other federal agencies in California, Arizona and Nevada were opened today by the U. S. Civil Service Commission.

Applicants will be rated on the extent and quality of their experience. No written test will be required. Salaries for librarians range from \$3,397 to \$4,149 per year. Applications for librarian must be received by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans' Administration Branch Office 12, 180 New Montgomery St., San Francisco 5.

Salaries for training specialists, employee relations officer and employee counselors range from \$3,397 to \$5,905 per year. Applications must be received not later than February 12, 1948, at VA Branch Office 12.

Applications may be obtained at any first or second class post office where the examination announcements are posted, the U. S. Civil Service Commission Regional Office, Room 129, Appraisers Building, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco or Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, VA Branch Office 12.

LAY MEDICAL APPROVER
Examinations for probational appointment to positions of Lay Medical Approver in the Veterans' Administration Insurance Service in Oakland, California, were opened today by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. The salary is \$3,397 per year.

No written test will be required. Applicants will be rated on the extent and quality of their experience and training.

Applications must be received by the Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Veterans' Administration Branch Office 12, 180 New Montgomery Street, San Francisco 5, California, not later than March 3, 1948.

Application forms may be obtained at any first or second class Post Office where the examination announcement is posted; the U. S. Civil Service Commission Regional Office, 129 Appraisers Building, 630 Sansome Street, San Francisco 11, or the Veterans Administration Branch Office 12, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners.

BLIND VETS
Blind veterans, who have been issued equipment by the Veterans' Administration to aid them in overcoming their handicap, may now obtain minor repairs to this equipment without prior VA approval. Colonel Thomas J. Cross, VA Deputy Administrator for California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii, reported today.

Blind veterans will be issued VA prosthetic cards, which entitled the veteran to receive at any repair shop throughout the country, repair service up to a limit of \$20 without VA's prior approval. The shops will bill VA for work done.

Repairs to the following items are authorized under the new plan: typewriters, radios (excluding batteries), braille writers, recording equipment, electric razors and braille watches of any type.

The prosthetic appliance cards are being issued blind veterans by the VA regional offices in San Francisco, Los Angeles, San Diego, Reno, Phoenix, and Honolulu.

GI FARMS
Nearly half the 40,000 World War II veterans who obtained G.I. farm loans, including over 1,000 Californians, are engaging in specialized farming operations, according to a survey of guaranteed loan transactions made by the Veterans' Administration.

Total value of farm loans approved approaches \$154,000,000, including \$5,730,000 on California farms.

The G.I. Bill authorizes VA to guarantee 50 percent of the amount of a loan, up to a maximum guarantee of \$2,000 on non-real estate loans and \$4,000 on realty loans.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS
If you have changed your name since you opened your social security account notify the Social Security Administration!

Fill out the green "change of record" card at any social security office. Or, if you prefer, place it in an envelope and mail it, together with your social security card, to the Social Security Administration, Baltimore 2, Maryland.

This is important and to your advantage. Here's why: If your employer reports your wages under a name different from the name on your card, these wages might not be credited to your social

Bldg. Trades Council Minutes

The meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council, February 3, 1948, was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of 13 delegates from seven locals. Regular officers present were President McCutcheon and Secretary-Treasurer Edwards.

Credentials were presented for Herman Woodward as a delegate from the Typographical Union. It was moved, seconded, and passed that he be seated. He was then given the obligation by the president.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to allow the bills of Mrs. Moreau and George Rice for expenses in attending the meeting at San Luis Obispo January 18.

Various communications were presented and considered. The secretary was instructed to communicate with County Clerk McMenamin and invite him to speak to the Council at the next meeting regarding registration of voters.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to send \$25 to the DiGiorgio Strike Relief Fund.

The Barbers reported that they had signed up two houses in Pacific Grove, Tom's Cafe and Morgan's Coffee Shop. In Monterey they have signed up the Coffee Bean, The Pan Club, 339 Alvarado Street, and the Mission Inn Hotel.

The Barbers reported a routine meeting and new officers installed. The Cannery Workers reported a good meeting and 19 new members.

The Carpenters reported a good meeting and three new members. There was much discussion regarding lots and building.

The Motion Picture Operators reported a routine meeting and that they had made a donation to

security account. If your account is incomplete, you and your family may not receive all the social security benefits you would otherwise have coming to you.

Most workers whose accounts need correction are women who have married. But men change their names too—for business or other reasons.

The information in your social security account is confidential. It may not be made public to your employer or any other private individual.

For further information ask at your nearest social security office.

HOW WE CAN FIGHT AND WIN

The Taft-Hartley Law says that Union people have no right to refuse to work with or handle non-union goods. The law has taken away a right that we have had for a long, long time. Its purpose, of course, is self evident. If Union people are forced by law to discontinue boycotting phony goods, the employers who pay less than Union wages will be encouraged, and Union wages and working conditions may be destroyed.

Those who desire to wreck Labor Unions have just one aim; they hope to lower wages, increase working hours, smash Union working conditions. The destruction of the standard of living of American working men and women, is their goal.

The fundamental purpose of Labor Unions is to improve living standards. A Union is a free, voluntary association of individual working people, organized to use collective economic strength of the group to raise wages, shorten hours and obtain better working conditions.

No one can tell at this time if the Supreme Court of the United States will uphold the provisions of the Taft-Hartley Act which deny to Unions the right to use collective strength against employers which refuse to deal with and work with Unions. Anything can happen. After all, a great many of the judges are former corporation lawyers.

However, Labor has one weapon which neither Congress nor the courts can take away. Labor can use its tremendous buying power.

If Union men and women ever learn what an effective weapon their buying power can be, when properly used, the Taft-Hartley Law will mean very little. If Labor, and the families of Union people, and their friends, refuse to spend their money for articles which do not bear the official stamp or insignia of the Union people who produced them, if we refuse to buy non-Union goods, and if we withhold our patronage from firms which do not employ Union members, our enemies will suffer a tremendous blow.

This is not a new idea. The American Federation of Labor has been promoting this type of Union activity, with growing success, for a great many years. Dave Beck is a member of the AFL Card and Label committee, which directs this work.

Union people should know that, to protect their wages and working conditions, they must patronize only the firms which employ Union members, and demand the goods which are produced by Union workers. Every dime spent by a Union Teamster in a gas station, the shop, parking lot, or other concern which does not employ Union tollers, is a dime spent to tear down Union wages and conditions.

—Washington Teamster

the DiGiorgio strikers.

The Typographical Union reported a new wage scale. They also reported that the Northern California Conference of their union will meet in Monterey in April.

Mrs. Moreau and Mr. Rice were appointed a committee to arrange with Salinas Central Labor Council for a joint meeting to hear prospective candidates for Congress.

The financial report was read and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

WAYNE EDWARDS,
Secretary-Treasurer.

HOW TO MAKE A WEEK'S PAY LAST A WEEK

By BILL CAHN

Dear Keeping the Record Straight:

I am 10 years old and the champion bubble gum blower on my block. In the old days my Pop used to give me a nickel a week for bubble gum. But today, when I ask him for money, he says: "Beat it! A man can't make a week's pay last a week these days."

So here I am, a bubble gum champion and I can't afford to buy equipment. I am sending you my problem because you seem to think you know everything. How can my Pop make his week's wages last a week?

—Joe Blow.

Dear Joe:

Do not be discouraged. There is no reason why your Pop's weekly wages should not last him a week if he will only follow a few simple suggestions:

1. Upon receiving his pay check, he should carefully fold it and place it in his pocket.
2. He should quietly sneak away from his friends to avoid having to pay any of the money he owes.
3. He should walk all the way home so as not to have to pay carfare.
4. Once home, he should immediately get into bed with his pants on so as to retain possession of his pay check.
5. He should not be tempted into sleeping because somebody might pick his pocket.
6. He should refuse to see anybody because they might be creditors, bill collectors or the landlord.
7. He should refuse to speak to his wife because she might ask him for money to pay the grocer.

If these few simple suggestions are followed, your Pop will find himself at the end of the week with sufficient funds to provide you with money for bubble gum as well as other incidental expenses.

So you see, Joe, there is no problem so serious that cannot be solved by alertness, determination, industry and a will to succeed.

Of course, another method of making a week's wages last a week is a wage increase.

Nearly One Million Canadian Unionists

Toronto. — Canada's union membership is nearing the million mark, with one out of every four workers holding a union card.

When the war ended in 1945, combined strength of Canadian labor groups was 711,117 members. By the end of 1946 it had reached 831,697. Though official figures for 1947 have not yet been published, estimates place present membership at approximately 900,000.

Of the total, 370,000 are affiliated to the Trades and Labor Congress, parent body of AFL unions. The Canadian Congress of Labor, CIO parent body, is close behind with 360,000 members, followed by the Catholic Syndicates with about 70,000 and the independent railway brotherhoods with 37,000. Unaffiliated unions make up the balance.

Tired Old Rich Men

The most soul-fearing cry for justice heard in the current Congress was wrenched from the agonized lips of Rep. Fred Crawford (R., Mich.) last week. Crawford, who is referred to as General Motors' representative in Congress, wept that "Congress is crucifying industry. I am tired of all this demagoguery about soaking the rich when it is no longer possible to become rich, and all we have left are tired old men." The next day the financial pages reported that the tired old men of crucified General Motors had cleared a net of \$207,000,000.

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LOCAL 483 REPORTS



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The passing of Brother Ted Harrison last week leaves a void within our ranks which will not soon easily be filled. Ted was a fine example of a good fellow workman. He had the genuine respect and affection of not only his fellow craftsmen, but also the townspeople at large as well. He was the "favorite bartender" of a great many visitors to the Monterey peninsula and

was extremely popular with the sportsmen and golfers of the region. Ted was a sincere friend, a quiet, unassuming gentleman, and a loyal union member. The arrangements for his last rites were made by the local union with the cooperation and assistance of John Harrison of Marysville, who represented the large family at the services.

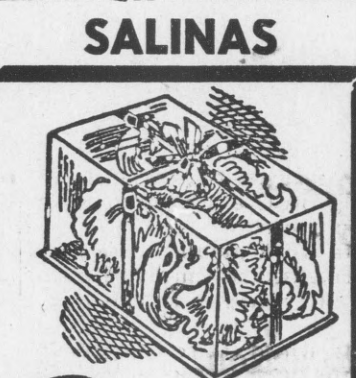
Your secretary attended a meeting of local union secretaries from the Eighth District of the California State Culinary Council, held in San Jose on Tuesday, February 10. District Vice-President Herschell Morgan, secretary of San Jose Bartenders Local 577, presided, and outlined the purposes behind the calling of the meeting. The most important order of business was the comparison of present working agreements and wage scales to determine which areas are in greatest need of revision. The State Council is interested in having all locals work toward the goal of contract standardization, and to further that goal, will cooperate in any possible way with each local in its contract preparation and presentation. As you may have suspected, our own local has one of the least desirable of all contracts which were reviewed. And this is, and rightly should be,

food for thought for all of us. We have local problems, peculiar to this peninsula, which can best be understood by those of us who live and work here on a year-around basis. The seasonal nature of the business of most of our employers is a perpetual problem, and one which has never been solved to the real satisfaction or benefit of our culinary workers. We will probably always have to depend upon seasonal extra workers to come into this area during the short summer season to fill the jobs, and then the local, and its year-round members, are left to face the same old problems come fall... and winter. The extremely high cost of rental units for our members is a constant and pressing problem as well. In the event that Congress drops rent control at its present session, those of us who rent our homes, apartments, and rooms will indeed be "hard put" for a place to live. Knowing as we do the grasping nature of the majority of local landlords, and the imminent influx of military personnel as well as tourists, we can certainly expect the worst. Well, that is a bridge to cross if and when we get to it. There are other bridges before us right now which will have to be negotiated. Working together, with harmony and determination, we should be able to solve many of our problems and increase our own effectiveness as a unit.

The old labor slogan, "In Unity There Is Strength," is truer today than ever before. For the forces which seek to destroy our organizations and pit worker against worker and thus destroy conditions of employment, are wealthy, powerful, crafty, and in many instances, downright unscrupulous. We must be vigilant and thoughtful—and not be misled by phony promises nor propaganda.

BEVERAGE INDUSTRY
International Organizer C. T. McDonough was also present at the aforementioned meeting and spoke concerning the statewide movement to place on the coming California state ballot a measure entitled "Local Control of Beverage Industry." The proponents of this piece of legislation claim that control of the beverage industry should be taken from the hands of a few people, i.e., the California State Board of Equalization, and given over into the hands of each county or locality to control as it pleases. They have advanced a number of plausible and reasonable sounding arguments favoring this proposal, but it required much closer study by those of us who make our living from the beverage industry and its affiliates and sidelines. This piece of legislation is, in fact, not local control; but is local option, and nothing more. It is strongly backed by the WCTU, the bootlegging interests, and others who seek to dry up the state of California for their own selfish reasons and purposes. Local option would not only cost thousands of members of our own International Union their jobs, but would also deprive thousands of other workers—salespeople, maintenance employees, etc.—of their source of livelihood. It would fill the state of California with localities which, through "local option" did not choose to permit the on-sale beverage houses to operate. In short, we should have a state full of municipalities such as Pacific Grove, most of whose townspeople do not particularly resent their "dry" town... because they are just a five-minute ride from a "wet" city!!

Should we permit our present beverage control system to be torn down, rather than improved, we should have no "wet" towns to patronize, but would instead find ourselves again living in an age which fostered and protected bootlegging. Think these propositions over—read the fine print—before you affix your signature to any



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BLDG. TRADES COUNCIL MINUTES

The meeting of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County was called to order by Vice-Chairman Floyd Mason at 8:08 p.m., February 5, 1948.

Roll call showed 15 delegates from seven local unions present. Minutes of previous meeting, January 15, 1948, read and approved.

Minutes of Executive Board meeting, January 21, 1948, read and approved.

COMMUNICATIONS

A Governor's Council report noted.

Three Weekly Newsletters noted. A Building and Construction Trades bulletin noted.

A statement by President Richard Gray noted.

A government bulletin on housing noted.

Minutes of the Monterey Central Labor Council of January 20

petition being circulated for the so-called local control. Don't be guilty of helping to do yourself out of a job.

At the end of our Local 483 report we are reprinting an article which recently appeared in the "Newsletter," a publication of New York Bartenders Union, Local 15. The article is titled "A Bartender's Creed" and should make interesting reading for all of us, whether we be bartender, cook, waitress, or any other classification.

Next regular meeting, Monday, March 1. Let's have a real turnout and a good, lively meeting.
GEORGE L. RICE,
Secretary.

A BARTENDER'S CREDO

Some people call me "the man behind the stick," some call me "bartender," some call me "mixologist," some just "barman." Whatever they call me, I have begun to realize one thing, I am a very important guy.

I occupy a very unique position. To many of my customers, I am their best and only friend. I am the first to greet the customer when he enters the door. When he leaves, I am the one who thanks him for his patronage and bids him to come again.

I work in a goldfish bowl in the show window of the retail beverage industry, and I realize more and more every day that public opinion about the beverage industry is influenced a great deal by my behavior. Because I help mold public opinion, it is to my self interest to make the public relations objectives of the beverage industry my objectives. That's one reason why I'm an important guy.

It is to my self interest to protect my job. I like it, and I want to keep it. As part of the beverage industry, I share a common interest with all others in its future and prosperity. Through my Bartenders Union I have obtained pretty good working conditions, and as my union grows and gains strength so my conditions will improve.

I have many opportunities to further our common fight to promote the industry's welfare. I am going to tell everyone who will listen all about my industry—the number of workers it employs—its contributions to the nation's economy.

I am going to tell them about the prohibitionists, the WCTU, and the fanatics and crackpots who seek to legislate the beverage industry out of business and replace it with the same gangsters and racketeers and corruption of the sordid prohibition era.

I am a decent family man. I believe in obeying the law. I will help enforce the law. I will not sell to minors. I will not sell to drunks or roughnecks. I will not permit women of questionable character to frequent the premises. I want it known that I stand for all that is clean and wholesome. I want the same respect from my fellow men that is accorded to other craftsmen. — "Newsletter" (N.Y. Bartenders Union 15).

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read and filed.

One Pile Butts noted.

A letter from Dock Builders, Local 34, read and filed.

A letter from Monterey Theaters Company read and filed.

A letter from the State Federation of Labor concerning petitions read.

A letter from the Building Trades Department concerning a circular entitled "Trade Union Facts and Housing" read and filed.

Minutes of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council noted and filed.

A letter from Carpenters' Local Union 1323 read.

Two letters from State Building and Construction Trades Council concerning signing of union shop agreements and forms read and placed on file for reference of any local signing new agreements.

BILLS

All bills were read and ordered paid. It was moved, seconded, and carried, the bill of \$24 to the Navy News for advertising be paid. It was moved, seconded, and carried we present Brother Rial with a bill for \$24 for the Navy News advertising.

BUSINESS AGENT'S REPORT

Brother Bolin reported on a brickmason in Carmel. Reported he found some carpenter foremen have not been hiring laborers from the hall. Reported the sign has been removed from our former hall.

Moved, seconded and carried the Business Agent's report be accepted.

REPORTS OF UNIONS

Brickmasons 16: No report. Carpenters 1323: Brother Evans reported good meeting. Four new members.

Electricians 1072: No report. Laborers 690, Brother Thomas: Good meeting, very good attendance.

Lathers 122: No report. Painters 272, Brother Bolin: Good meeting; three new apprentices and two new journeymen. Plasterers 337: No meeting. Plumbers 62, Brother Long: Good meeting. Reported on various plumbing conditions. Sheet Metal Workers 304: No meeting.

Roofers 50: Brothers Vernon Smith and George Sekols reported good meeting. Have new apprentice set-up now.

NEW BUSINESS

Moved, seconded, and carried, we request a letter of resignation from Brother Rial by our next regular meeting, February 19, 1948.

Brother Thomas was instructed to write each local union and explain that all laborers must be hired from the hall and not on the job.

GOOD AND WELFARE

It was suggested we request all persons that are eligible to be sure to register so they may vote in the coming elections.

(There is no poll tax or other charge for registering or voting. Let's all register!)

There being no further business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
HARRY FOSTER,
Recording Secretary.

Aussie Miners Want
Coal to China Stopped

Sydney.—The Australian Miners Federation has announced it will "take action" to halt shipments of coal to the Chiang Kai-shek regime in China. Miners say the coal is needed in Australia and should not be used to help Chiang's civil war.

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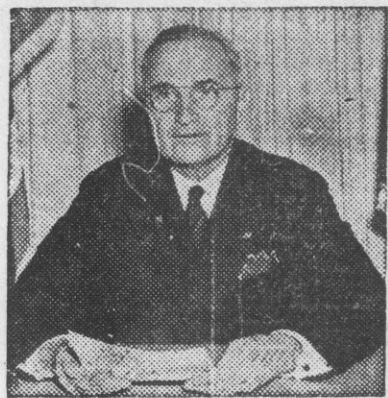
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